BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 13, 2013

The regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 in the Council Chambers with all Council Members, Larry Wattenbarger, Philip Hanley, Les McFarland, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person. The minutes from the prior meeting of the Council were approved without change or correction.

President Les McFarland opened the public hearing. A recommendation from the Plan Commission to accept the 2 mile zoning adjustments (no split parcels) to accommodate the online permitting for Marshall County was discussed. No comments were received. Les McFarland moved to accept this request, which was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved. The public hearing was closed.

Heather Barron, Librarian from the Bourbon Public Library appeared before the Council and asked for a \$250.00 donation for the Summer Reading Club. Member Wattenbarger moved to approve the request, which was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved.

Don Bixby of Territorial Engineering was then present and reported to the Council on the progress of the lift station project. He reported that the generator was scheduled to be set on Wednesday, March 14th. Start up and training at the new facility will occur after that date with final project completion to be done by the end of April. He also discussed the Storm Water project begun on March 1, 2012 and construction will ensue for the next several months.

Jennifer Laurent of Marshall County Economic Development then appeared to bring the Council up-to-date on the happenings of the Economic Development. She presented the Council with the 2011 summary accomplishments and stated that Marshall County had 222 new jobs in 2011. She also advised that interest is being shown on the Amerimax building.

Brian Kitch of Bates Corporation next appeared to ask for continued approval on their tax abatement. Member Wattenbarger made the motion, Member Hanley seconded and approval was unanimously granted.

Rick Pharis of Triad Associates then reported to the Council that his engineering firm was willing to meet with them and conduct a work session to discuss bond issues and grant writing if they were interested.

Tabled from last meeting, the issue of removing fluoride from the water was discussed. Patron Jonah Best spoke in favor of continuing the addition to the water and stated that he felt it was beneficial to the young people of our community. Water superintendent Mike Shoda

advised the council that there is a certain percentage of natural fluoride in the water. No other comments were made. Member Wattenbarger moved to remove the fluoride from the water with Member Hanley seconding it and it passed 3-0.

The Council gave permission to Kieser Consulting to apply for the Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant. The Town of Bourbon has been working with them to develop a comprehensive plan.

President McFarland advised that with the recent passing of Plan Commission member, Herbert Baker, there will be a vacancy on that Board. He advised that anyone interested in filling this vacancy to please submit a letter of interest along with a resume. Appreciation was voiced for the dedication that Mr. Baker had for the Plan Commission and our representative on the Marshall County Tourism Board.

The Clerk-Treasurer then appeared before the Council and asked for approval to retain Turfwise as the turf maintenance vendor for the Matchette Center and the Ball Fields. The cost for 2012 will be 667.22 for the Matchette Center and 1152.17 for the ball fields.

Chief Bill Martin then appeared before the Council and submitted his monthly report. He also presented prices for the new police truck. Total price averaged around \$38,965.13. Martin was advised to test drive the different models and they would support his recommendation. Member Wattenbarger approved the purchase of the new truck with Member Hanley offering a second. Motion passed 3-0. Martin also requested the permission to hire Travis O'Neal as a paid reserve officer. Wattenbarger made the motion, McFarland second, and unanimously 3-0.

Roger Terry next appeared and reported to the Council that he was still waiting to hear on the status of the sign grant. He also asked for permission to purchase a vehicle lift for the street/utility garage and to modify the overhead doors do to parking issues in that area. The total cost for this project will be around \$15,000.00. This issue was tabled by the Council until next month.

Mike Shoda, Utilities Superintendent appeared next and stated that a tap machine costing \$2,900 was purchased due to the old one being obsolete and the urgency of working with the crew on the storm water project. Shoda also asked permission to install an 8" inserta valve at Ecker and Park Streets for a cost of \$3,875.00. Member Wattenbarger moved to purchase the valve with a second from Hanley. Motion passed 3-0.

Bill Keyser asked the Council to reappoint Mark Mosier to the Zoning Board of Appeals. A motion was made by President McFarland, seconded by Member Hanley and passed 3-0.

Member Hanley asked Roger Terry if he had received any quotes on painting the park pavilion. One quote was shared with the Council and the matter was tabled.

Member Wattenbarger advised the Council that he had received a 1958 Town of Bourbon Code Book that was from the Triton High School Library. He asked that after people had the opportunity to look at it, that it be donated to Larry Lemler for his museum.

With the new legislative laws that will become law in July, President McFarland stated that the Town needed to have a nepotism policy.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Les McFarland, President

Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer